

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing method comprising:

5 a step of generating a calibration condition for image forming means, by reading a first chart formed by said image forming means with reading means and generating a calibration condition for said image forming means, based on the data obtained by said reading;

10 a step of generating a calibration condition for said reading means, using a second chart printed in advance; and

a discrimination step of discriminating said first and second charts;

15 wherein said discrimination step discriminates whether a chart read in each of said step of generating calibration condition for image forming means and said step of generating calibration condition for image reading means is an appropriate chart.

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2. An image processing method according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second charts is provided with a mark formed by a color corresponding to a kind of the chart; and

25 said discrimination step discriminates the color of said mark.

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3. An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of informing to a user when said chart is discriminated as inappropriate.

5 4. An image processing method for generating a calibration condition matching the characteristics of an apparatus based on data obtained by reading a chart, the method comprising steps of:

10 detecting, from said data, a mark attached to said chart; and

 discriminating whether said data are appropriate according to a result of said detection.

15 5. An image processing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

 informing a user of a fact that the reading position or the resolution in reading said chart is inappropriate, according to a result of said detection.

20 6. An image processing method according to claim 5, further comprising:

 discriminating whether said chart is skewed according to the result of said detection; and

25 informing a user of skewed position when said chart is skewed.

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7. An image processing method according to claim 4, further comprising:

informing a user of a fact that a kind of said chart is inappropriate, according to a result of said detection.

8. An image processing method according to claim 4, further comprising:

judging a direction of said chart according to a result of said detection; and

generating said calibration condition from said detected data according to said direction.

9. An image processing method for entering read data obtained by reading a chart printed in advance with reading means and generating calibration data for calibrating said reading means based on said read data;

wherein said chart is rendered foldable with the printed surface thereof inward and is not printed with a patch in the vicinity of the folding portion, and said chart is stored in an operation manual of said image processing method in a state folded in said folding portion with the printed surface thereof inward.

10. An image processing method according to

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11. An image processing method according to
5 claim 9, wherein the patches printed on said chart are
larger in number in the highlight portion than in the
shadow portion.

13. An image processing method according to
15 claim 9, further comprising:

14. An image processing method according to claim 9, wherein said reading means reads an original image and to output RGB image data.

entering data obtained by reading, with said

correcting said data using said calibration data;
and

16. An image processing apparatus comprising:
means for generating a calibration condition for
image forming means, by reading a first chart formed
by said image forming means with reading means and
generating a calibration condition for said image
forming means, based on the data obtained by said
reading;

discrimination means for discriminating said
first and second charts;

17. A computer readable recording medium storing

a step of generating a calibration condition for image forming means, by reading a first chart formed by said image forming means with reading means and generating a calibration condition for said image forming means, based on the data obtained by said reading;

a discrimination step of discriminating said first and second charts;

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wherein said chart is rendered foldable with the printed surface thereof inward and is not printed with

